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Applicant(s): Y. KONISHI, et al

Serial No.: 10/024,718

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For: HANDLING SYSTEM AND DEVICE FOR DETERMINING A
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UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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January 5, 2004

Sir:

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U.S. Patent Documents

Examiner Initials	Document No.	Date	Name	Class Subclass	Filing Date If Approp.
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6,429,895 B1 8/02 Onuki (corresponds to JP-A-10-191136)

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Foreign Patent Documents

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Document No.	Date	Country	Class Subclass	Translation Yes No
7-245726	9/95	Japan		X
10-191136	7/98	Japan (corresponds to USP 6,429,895 B1)		

Other Documents (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

2. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	740.00
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			740.00

1. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
33 -20** = 13	x 18		= 234.00

Indep. Claims 2-3** = 0 x 84 = 0

Multiple Dependent 280 = 0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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105 130	205	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117 920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120 320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
141 1,280	241	640	Petition to revive – unintentional	
142 1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144 620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740	246	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169 900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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